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### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

#### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.

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## For Sale.

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FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.

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TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

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CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

### CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, French, and FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.

FRENCH FLOWERS and FEATHERS.

FANCY TIES and SCARFS.

PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES.

SUNSHADES in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS.

DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETTES and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PERLISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

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TAPESTRY and CRETONNE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

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A Good Selection of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPED HORSES, CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

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LAWN TENNIS and CROQUET SETS.

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THE CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for LADIES and GENTLEMEN, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

### S A M U E L S

HAS JUST RECEIVED FOR "CYPRUS," AND

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NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS.

WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

HATS in every style.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja11

## For Sale.

### CHRISTMAS STORES

#### —AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

MINCEMEAT.

SMYRNA FIGS.

ELVAS PLUMS.

CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

DRAGEES.

French and English BONBONS.

CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.

ASSORTED COCAQUES.

TELEPHONE CRACKERS.

CONFERENCE CRACKERS.

AQUARIUM CRACKERS.

French and English TOYS.

MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.

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NOAH'S ARKS.

WHEELBARROWS.

GUNS and SWORDS.

SPADES and PAIS.

BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMS.

LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

WORK BASKETS and BOXES.

LADIES' COMPANIONS.

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

CARD RECEIVERS.

STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES.

Pharaoh WRITING CABINETS.

SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal.

RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES.

Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES.

PAINT BOXES, Fitted.

TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

ANEROIDS.

CROCODILE SCENT CASES.

CIGAR BOXES.

WRITING DESKS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

## Intimations.

### 6th DRAWING.

### Chinese Imperial 8 per Cent. Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, in Hongkong on the 31st of December, and in London, on the 10th of February next, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31 Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

#### NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

314 Bonds Nos.:-									
20	649	1281	1928	2565	3193	3804	4428	5097	5673
23	665	1316	1951	2591	3208	3824	4445	5070	5698
42	687	1329	1965	2601	3230	3847	4462	5087	5720
78	718	1349	1992	2623	3255	3862	4492	5108	5738
93	726	1367	2013	2644	3262	3898	4513	5128	5760
113	753	1400	2026	2673	3295	3913	4534	5158	5773
140	776	1408	2055	2683	3312	3937	4558	5173	5800
166	789	1438	2073	2709	3321	3953	4584	5194	5803
179	802	1452	2086	2732	3343	3971	4597	5219	5823
196	837	1469	2117	2766	3373	3997	4616	5223	5841
207	859	1488	2124	2782	3398	4001	4629	5244	5872
230	861	1512	2149	2791	3413	4037	4657	5271	5900
249	892	1624	2162	2801	3437	4045	4661	5289	5903
265	917	1654	2189	2824	3455	4078	4681	5320	5938
288	939	1669	2220	2845	3475	4095	4714	5331	5953
318	947	1600	2221	2861	3498	4112	4729	5369	5977
338	974	1611	2259	2882	3520	4131	4742	5378	5983
353	983	1625	2275	2905	3527	4152	4768	5386	6019
372	1010	1647	2281	2930	3554	4172	4785	5403	6027
392	1034	1671	2303	2947	3568	4181	4807	5432	6053
418	1053	1697	2329	2969	3591	4206	4824	5444	6069
434	1071	1716	2344	2999	3616	4225	4852	5465	6092
455	1081	1732	2361	3001	3622	4248	4877	5480	6103
468	1115	1742	2400	3041	3657	4285	4894	5501	6127
488	1136	1776	2411	3055	3661	4297	4910	5535	6143
516	1148	1792	2438	3061	3694	4306	4940	5548	6153
525	1161	1807	2445	3083	3714	4326	4967	5597	6192
558	1198	1823	2475	3107	3722	4352	4985	5581	6214
584	1211	1850	2482	3131	3748	4362	4995	5617	6224
599	1235	1870	2510	3141	3764	4400	5011	5624	6255
605	1249	1889	2524	3172	3782	4419	5038	5682	6271
633	1289	1908	2543						



## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL,  
HONGKONG.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

**M. R. H. VERNON**  
begs to announce that he will shortly take his

## FAREWELL BENEFIT.

On which occasion he will be assisted by the  
**AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS**,  
Who have kindly given their valuable  
services.

## COMEDY AND OPERA

FOR  
**MR. H. VERNON'S**

## FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Particulars shortly.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

## Intimations.

## KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES,

COUGHS,  
ASTHMA,  
BRONCHITIS.

## ACCUMULATION OF PHLEGM.

Composed of the purest articles. These  
Lozenges contain no opium nor any deleterious  
drug, therefore the most delicate can  
take them with perfect confidence. Their  
beneficial effect is speedy and certain. The  
old unfailing family remedy is daily recom-  
mended by the most eminent Physicians.

## MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

July 25th, 1877.

22, Cold Harbour Lane, London.  
Sir,—Your Lozenges are excellent, and  
their beneficial effects most reliable. I  
strongly recommend them in cases of Cough  
and Asthma. You are at liberty to state  
this as my opinion, formed from many  
years experience.

J. BRINGLOE, M.R.C.S.L., L.S.A., L.M.

Mr. T. KEATING, Indian Medical Service.

Dear Sir,—Having tried your Lozenges  
in India, I have much pleasure in testifying  
to their beneficial effects in cases of In-  
cipient Consumption, Asthma and Bronchial  
Affections. I have prescribed them largely,  
with the best results.

W. B. G.—Apothecary, H.M.S.

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES are sold by  
all Chemists, in bottles, each having the  
words "Keating's Cough Lozenges"  
engraved on the government stamp.

## KEATING'S NON-POISON OR WORM

TABLETS.

A PURELY VEGETABLE SWEETMEAT, both in  
appearance and taste, furnishing a most  
agreeable method of administering the only  
certain remedy for INTERMITTENT or THREAD  
WORMS. It is a perfectly safe and mild  
preparation, and is especially adapted for  
Children.—SOLD IN BOTTLES BY ALL CHEMISTS.

Proprietor, THOMAS KEATING, London.

Export Chemist and Druggist,  
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## Mr. Andrew Wind,

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are regularly filed for the inspection of  
Advertisers and the Public.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

FORTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.

Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.

Morison.—Meyer & Co.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.

Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

NAFIR, British barque, Capt. W. L.

Bray.—Messageries Maritimes.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jes-

sen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt.

Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

S. R. BRADLEY, American barque, Capt.

A. B. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

PHANTOM, British barque, Captain H.

Seibel.—Wilder & Co.

CHINGALE, British barque, Captain John

Le Couder.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt.

R. Wills.—Chinese.

KYRI, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole

Larsen.—Meyer & Co.

MAD OF JUDAH, British barque, Capt.

Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

DAVIDA, British barque, Captain Geo.

Scott.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR REPAIRING the French

Barque "ESPERANCE" GILLON.

Master will be Received at the French

Consulate up to TUESDAY, the 31st of

December, at 8 p.m.

Separate Tenders required:—

a.—For repairing the Hull of the

Vessel.

b.—For Repairing the Rigging of the

Vessel.

For particulars, apply to the French

Consulate, or the CAPTAIN (L. W. G.),

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. de31

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

The Departure of the S. S.  
"ZAMBOANGA"  
for PORT DARWIN, COOK-  
TOWN, SYDNEY, MEL-  
BOURNE, &c., is unavoidably POSTPONED  
until TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at  
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1878. de31

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship  
"ESMERALDA,"

Capt. CULLEN, will be de-

parted for the above Port

on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, December 28, 1878. de31

## W. KERR TAYLOR,

HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER,  
DECORATOR,

GLASS EMBOSING AND GILDING.

Temporary Premises: Fletcher's Buildings,  
Behind R. N. Seaman's Club,  
HONGKONG.

December 28, 1878. ja9

## CHINESE IMPERIAL EIGHT PER

CENT. LOAN OF 1874.

## THE COUPONS falling due on the 31st

December next of the above LOAN,

together with the BONDS DRAWN FOR RE-

demption, will be Paid at the Office of this

CORPORATION on and after that Date.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,  
Agents Issuing the Loan,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja1

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

HONGKONG.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM PUSTAU lately

trading at Victoria in the Colony of

Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai in China

in co-partnership with CARL WILHELM

SIEGFRIED WILLIAM PUSTAU the

Younger and CONRAD MUNROE DUN-

NIK under the Style or Firm of "W.M.

PUSTAU & Co." as Merchants and Com-

mission Agents, and also lately carrying on

Business at Hamburg in the Empire of

Germany under his individual name and

on his sole account and the said CONRAD

MUNROE DUNNIK, having been respec-

tively adjudged Bankrupts under Peti-

tions for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed

in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in

Bankruptcy on the 23rd day of December,

1878, and the 27th day of December, 1878,

respectively are hereby required to sur-

render themselves to the Honorable CHAR-

LES BUSEY PUSKERT the Registrar of the

said Court at the first Meeting of Creditors

to be held before the said Registrar

on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January,

1879, at 11 a.m., precisely at the said

Court.

The said CHARLES BUSEY PUSKERT is

the Official Assignee and Messrs SHARP,

TOLLER and JOHNSON are the Solicitors

acting in the respective Bankruptcies.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be ap-

pointed by the said Court for the said

Bankrupts to pass their final examination

and to make application for their discharge

of which sitting notice will be given in the

Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors the

Registrar will receive the Proofs of the

Debts of the Creditors and the Creditors

may elect an Assignee or Assignees of the

Bankrupts' Estate and Effects.

Dated this 28th day of December, 1878.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja28

## NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING

LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6,

STANLEY STREET, where Business will be

Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. ja28

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 28, Kwangtung, British steamer,

675, Panchard, Foochow Dec. 25, Amoy 26,

and Swatow 27. General.—DOUGLAS LA-

PRAT & Co.

Dec. 28, Bayan, Russian corvette, 2000,

10 guns, R. Boyel, Wanchou Dec. 25.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 27, Hamburg, for Bangkok.

27, Penelo, for Saigon.

28, Capella, for Borneo.

28, Yangtze, for Shanghai.

28, Yungching, for Shanghai.

28, Volga, for Yokohama.

28, Phanton, for Singapore.

28, Peiho, for Marcellus, &c.

CLEARED.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Burmese, for Yokohama.

Holstein, for Guam.

Hakon Adelstein, for Singapore.

Somerset, for Australian Ports.

Hulooing, for Amoy, &c.

Thales, for Hoihow.

Agassiz, for Takow, &c.

Moneta, for New York.

Faruna, for Fusan.

Friedrich, for Kouron.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Kwangtung, from Coast Ports, Messrs

Christy and Govil, and 422 Chinese deck.

Per Bayan, from Wanchou, Rear-Admiral

Baron Stenroberg.

DEPARTED.

Per Peiho, for Saigon, Messrs Bossard,

Daumond, and 3 Chinese, for Singapore,

Messrs A. Carnegie, J. N. Vandervort, and

1 sapper royal engineers, for Suez, Rev. W.  
Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, child, one  
European and one native servant; for  
Marcellus, Messrs O. Zamorano, S. Gomez,  
J. F. Volasco, G. Sanchez, J. Caspades,  
P. H. Garcia, F. Mochales, O. Leon, A. L.  
Anderson, I. Colambo, M. Balfour, J.  
Dodd, J. T. Hiltz, and Thomas Coril.  
—From Shanghai: for Saigon, Mr. A.  
Guion, and Mrs. Emilie Guionot; for  
Singapore, Mr. Tom and servant; for Lon-  
don, Messrs Macombes, W. Daffies, W.  
Stella, B. Parks, W. Brooks, Young, and  
C. Kanyoff.

Per Yungching, for Shanghai, 45 Chinese.

Per Penelo, for Saigon, 120 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Somerset, for Sydney, Mr. W. Krohn,

10 European deck, and 20 Chinese.

Per Bayan, for Yokohama, 2 Euro-

peans cabin.

Per Hakon Adelstein, for Singapore and

Penang, 454 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Kwangtung reports:

Left Foochow on the 25th, bad strong N.E.

monsoon and cloudy weather to Swatow,

thence to port light northerly winds and

clear weather. In Foochow: str. Agassiz,

and H.M.S. Sheldrake. In Amoy: str.

Esmeralda, Corea and Neuchuang, and

H.M.S. Hart. In Swatow: str. Mahara-

jah, Zunsin, Wenchow, and Yotung. 28th

inst. at 2 a.m., passed a steamship bound

North.

## CARGO.

Per S. S. Peiho, sailed 28th December,

1878: For Continent, 3,149 bales Silk,

263 bales Waste Silk, 198 bales Cocoons, 3

cases Silks, 1,000 boxes Tea, and 1,380

pkgs. Sundries; for London, 541 bales Silk,

10 bales Waste Silk, 354 half-cases, 3,871

boxes and 849 pkgs. Tea, 66 pkgs. Sundries,

3 cases Treasure (11s. 30,700), and 14 cases

Treasure (\$98,765).

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,

SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—

Per Zamboanga, at 2.30 p.m., on Tues-

day, the 31st inst., instead of as

previously notified.

For MANILA.—

Per Esmeralda, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,

the 31st inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Olympia, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday,

the 31st inst.

Per Olive, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the

3rd January.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Gaelic,

will be despatched on THURSDAY,

the 2nd January, with Mails for Japan,

San Francisco, and the United States,

which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters



112, Monk; Anthem, "O praise God in His Holiness," No. 8; Hymn, "God from on high hath heard," No. 58.

Evening Prayer and Sermon, at 4—Readers, The Colonial Chaplain; Preacher, The Colonial Chaplain; First Lesson, Isaiah, xxxviii.; Second Lesson, Revelation, xix. from verse 11; Psalms, No. 162, page 169; Monk; Magnificat, No. 7; Hymn, "We love the place, O God," No. 242; Second Hymn, "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," No. 23.

The next Entertainment will take place at the Temperance Hall, Statley Street, on Monday evening next, commencing at 8 past 8 o'clock. Admission free. The following is the programme:—

- 1.—Piano Solo.....Victoria Waltz.
- 2.—Song.....Sweethearts.
- 3.—Four part Song { Oh hush, my baby.
- 4.—Recitation.....Waterloo.
- 5.—Song.....I see again.
- 6.—Violin Solo.....
- 7.—Song.....The Tar's Farewell.
- 8.—Four part Song.....Sweet and Low.
- 9.—Piano Duet.....Air from L'ile d'Amour.
- 10.—Song.....A good New Year to you and me.

#### THE GREAT FIRE.

Additional Particulars.  
The clearing away of the debris at the scene of the late fire is being proceeded with, with alacrity. A number of the European prisoners have been engaged during the day pulling down the ruins of the Civil Hospital, and the manner in which they have behaved is deserving of some reward. The authorities are also deserving of great praise for the arrangements which have been made to clear the thoroughfares and pulling down dangerous walls. The steam fire engines are still at work, as the fire is not by any means wholly subdued, although all danger of its spreading further is happily past, but careful watching is still necessary. The engines are throwing a good stream of water, and this is a proof that the hoses must have been tampered with during the early stages of the conflagration; indeed several unmistakable cuts were found in the hoses which must have been made with a knife. Mr. Cragg's quarters have been very shamefully sacked, and a fine collection of mathematical instruments and curiosities destroyed. Everyone appears unable to get about their usual business, their minds being so unshaken by the dreadful catastrophe—a catastrophe, by the way, from the effects of which it will take us a long time to recover. We trust that the opportunity will be availed of to build far more substantial buildings than the flimsy structures some of the buildings destroyed were. We notice that all the new buildings which have lately been built are being constructed on a much better model than hitherto, and we trust this move in the right direction will be followed up. Good party walls are a great preventive against the spread of fire. The Insurance companies can do something towards causing this to be done by refusing to take risks unless certain rules are followed. The destruction of the temporary Civil Hospital will surely cause the Government to take some speedy action for the construction of a commodious building worthy the name. The military make very zealous police, but there is such a thing as over-zeal; a little discretion in stopping pedestrians would be advisable. However, the occasion for their assistance in this way is happily nearly past, and they deserve the best thanks of the community for what they have already done. We noticed the ruins of a shop in Graham Street which had been inhabited by an Indian, in which were nearly one hundred tins much resembling kerosene tins, but we were assured by the unfortunates owner that they had contained oil and gas lamps. The catastrophe will be referred to in all the churches here to-morrow.

#### China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Dec. 10th.)  
We understand that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have been appointed Agents at this port for the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China.

The following vessels—tea laden—from this port, have reached their destination, viz:—*Admiral Marden*, at Adelaide 16th October; *Rio Lugo*, at Port Chalmers 29th September; *Bonita*, and *Oceanic*, at Adelaide 7th October.

Another shock of earthquake was experienced throughout the Settlement on the 17th instant, at about 4.30 a.m. The oscillation lasted for rather more than 30 seconds,—being of somewhat shorter duration and of milder character than the disturbance noticed a few weeks ago.

Entries for the forthcoming Race Meeting closed on Saturday last. The number of ponies entered for each race are:—*Hawke's Cup* 10; *Maiden Stakes* 9; *Chase* 5; *Cup* 9; *Hack Stakes* 1; *Criterium Stakes* 1; *Barker's Cup* 8; *Flanagan Stakes* 14; *Knox-Lam-Stakes* 2; *Champion Cup* 13; *Subscription Challenge Cup* 7; *Tong-Kiao-Chang Stakes* 18; *Competition Cup* 9; *Lottery Cup* 10; *Ladies' Cup* 24; *Fei-Ma Cup* 12; *Ladies' Purse* 16; *Consolation Stakes* 22; *Grand National Stakes* (Steeple Chase) 9. It will be observed that the entries are not so numerous as in former years, but we understand that the ponies taken all in all—are of a somewhat higher class, and that excellent racing is probable.

We understand that Yuo Kwan, late Provincial Treasurer of Honan, has been appointed Governor of this province. His Excellency is a Manchou, and is spoken of by natives as an official of conciliatory disposition. He, the late acting Governor, resumed the Commissionaryship at Mamoi Arsenal, where it is to be hoped he will remain, and in comparative retirement, cogitate on the silliness of feng-shui-ism and the moral and political crime of incendiarism. Wu, it will be remembered, was Governor at the time of the Wu-shih-shan Riot—on which occasion he afforded by his masterly inactivity a striking illustration of that indifference to law and order of which so many Chinese officials are capable whenever it suits their purpose to foment an anti-foreign movement. As head of the Mamoi Arsenal His Excellency has a brilliant opportunity of converting that Franco-Chinese bungle into something more than an establishment for the squandering of public money.

The few days' wet weather noticed in our last issue put the Course into such splendid condition that it was, we hear, almost impossible to resist the temptation of having it out with them. As it was, nearly everything was sent along, and some very good time is said to have been made. Messrs. St. George's, Belmonte, and the Major's stud have favored a select few with a display of form—not at all pleasant to their antagonists. There has been but one new arrival, viz: *Condor*, and he looks so decidedly ragged that we scarcely feel justified in congratulating Mr. Fohkion on his solitary representative. Mr. St. Andrew's team are expected next steamer from Shanghai, and are supposed to be very "thing how." An exceedingly early start, however, trial took place at early dawn yesterday, resulting in everyone being mystified—the noble owner most of all—time said to be 1.38 (not 1.28 like last year's performance). The Programme is out, and entries seem to be fairly good, though not so large as for last meeting. Some few casualties have taken place—*Sombrero* is lame, and *Harkaway* is "but up"—it would be advisable for all those who can do so to put in an appearance on Saturday morning next, as much "pawing" and several matches are in contemplation.

#### JOTTINGS ON CHINA.

The Chinese have a notion that deafness is caused by eating ants. As many of our schoolboys hours were spent in rummaging for and devouring these little creatures without the result of bringing on a more serious deafness than a general deafness to the schoolmaster's advice, we presume that either the Chinese ear must be more delicately constructed than ours, or the Chinese eat more pushing than the ant of our schoolboys days; or, lastly, the whole thing is a hoax. The painful dose of a tea-spoonful of ants in a cup of tea would probably exercise a salutary effect upon the imagination of Chinese criminals. The object of punishment being to deter others rather than avenge a specific offence, this desirable result would probably be attained at a very slight cost, and without serious injury to the Chinaman's ears, however much his nerves might be shaken. Mr. Charles Brooke, writing of the ants of Saravak, says: "These creatures also attack estates, and many are swallowed; I believe; but after all, what the eye does not see the heart does not grieve over." We do not know whether Mr. Brooke spoke the Chinese language, but the proverb he quotes, if an English one, is also Chinese, (眼不見心不煩) and used in various other forms.

#### SHANGHAI.

(News.)  
The sudden departure of the British barque *Haiton*, on Tuesday morning, has been the subject of general conversation, and the multiplicity of rumours in circulation, would certainly seem to be a sufficient refutation of the belief held by many that residence in the East demudes the mind of its natural fertility. At first the prevailing opinion appeared to be that the master of the vessel, Captain Angel, "had cleared" without his papers, and the attention of gossip-mongers was concentrated on the movements of the men-of-war and the Customs' cruisers in the port. But gradually it leaked out that the ship's papers were obtained by the Captain from the Shipping Office on Monday afternoon, and consequently the romantic part of the story died away. The facts of the case, so far as we have been able to gather, are briefly as follows:—The ship was chartered to make three voyages to Nagasaki for coal. She made one trip, and on Monday was in readiness to sail the second, and in the afternoon the Captain, without the usual clearance chop from the Customs House, obtained the ship's papers from the Shipping Office, and on Tuesday morning the vessel was towed down the river and left at the Beacon with a fair wind to proceed to sea. Her non-clearance at the Customs House, and the supposed informal way in which she obtained her papers at the Shipping Office, combined with what "men about town" say, tends to strengthen the impression that her course will not be laid in the direction of Nagasaki, but everybody might be mistaken, and the present cloud of uncertainty can only be dispersed or blackened by the example of Micawber—waiting to see what turns up.

Under a decree of the Mixed Court at Shanghai, the Costa Rica ship *Martha*, with all her tackle, apparel and furniture, was yesterday (Dec. 20th) sold by public auction by D. B. Latham, Official Marshal of the Court of the United States Consulate-General. In July last the vessel arrived here in great need of repairs, and by the orders and direction of her master, E. Gunzel, and of her agents Messrs. Buchheister, Schmidt & Co., she was during the months of September and October, docked at Tung-ka-do and thoroughly repaired by Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co., at a cost of Tls. 22,373.81. Messrs. Farnham & Co. were unable to obtain payment from the Captain or the ship's agents, and on the 7th Nov. filed a petition in the Court of the United States Consulate-General, praying that the ship might be arrested and sold, and the proceeds of the sale applied in satisfaction of their claim. Annexed to the petition was a copy of the petitioner's bill, containing all the details of expenditure for labour and materials supplied in doing the repairs. It was also set forth that all the repairs done were absolutely necessary to restore the ship to a seaworthy condition, and that the bill had been approved of as correct by the master and agents of the vessel. Costa Rica not having any consular or other representative at Shanghai, the matter, through the United States Consulate-General, was referred to the Mixed Court for jurisdiction, and after a formal hearing of the case before the

Chinese Magistrate Chen and Dr. Macgowan, the United States Assessor, a decree issued for the sale of the vessel by the Marshal of the Court of the United States Consulate-General. The sale was duly advertised, and took place yesterday morning on board the *Martha*, a steam launch being employed to run from the American Consulate Jetty for the conveyance of parties desirous of attending the sale. Upwards of thirty persons assembled on board at the time appointed for the sale to take place, and there were several different bidders. The highest bid of Tls. 12,000 was by Messrs. Farnham & Co., and the *Martha* was knocked down to them for that amount.

#### TIENTSIN.

Dear 9th.  
The weather still continues quite mild for the season, with no special indications of the river closing. But it may come suddenly any day.  
Last night a Ho Pu Fu, or expectant Prefect, was executed by strangling outside the Wang gate. He had professed charges in Peking against H.E. Li Hung-chang, of malfeasance in office, with specifications of dishonesty and deception of the Emperor. These charges were pronounced false, and being adjudged worthy of death, the offender was sent to Tientsin for execution. He arrived here late at night, and was executed before morning. He is a Southern man, but I could not learn his name to-day.

Dear 12th.  
Since sending my last, reporting the execution of an expectant Prefect for preferring charges against H.E. the Viceroy of malfeasance in office, which charges, it is said, were found in the examination to be wholly false, I have been told that these charges were made by eleven different officials, all of whom held the rank of (Expectant) Prefect or Taotai. They were remanded to Pao-tung-fu, to the jurisdiction of Governor Li himself, for examination, and being found guilty of making false accusations, were sentenced and sent to different places for execution. If the above statements are correct, they are significant.  
It has been very cold since yesterday, and there is a good deal of floating ice in the river. A few more such days and nights will close it fast.—N. C. D. News.

#### CHEFOO.

Dear 13th.  
The British bark *Ada*, Captain Douglas, is on shore about ten miles S.E. of Chefoo, near the walled village marked on the Admiralty chart between Knob Point and Lung-mun harbour. The vessel was seen a little to the South-west of Kung-kung-tan islands on Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock. The wind was light and steady, and the master of the *Ada* seems to have allowed his vessel to drift towards the coast unperceived, and towards midnight she took the beach. H.M.S. *Moorehen*, Lieutenant Carey, R. N., Commander, promptly went to her assistance, but was unable to tow her off; though had she been properly lightened the vessel might probably have been hauled off the beach at high water. There were eleven feet of water alongside when the *Moorehen's* boat boarded her, and the draft of the *Ada* before she struck was thirteen feet. The *Moorehen* returned to Chefoo harbour yesterday afternoon, and will again proceed to the stranded vessel to-day, to see what can be done, and should the proper measures have been taken to lighten her, it is possible she may be extricated from her perilous position before the N. W. gales break her up.—N. C. D. News.

#### Japan.

(Gazette.)

The *Sir Lancelot* has just arrived from London and reports having met the schooner *Dove* in Pitt's Passage. Inquiry showed that assistance was required by those on board, for the state of the vessel, and the sickness prevailing, rendered the chance of their ever reaching land extremely doubtful. These unfortunate persons formed a party to New Guinea in search of gold, but the climate, and an even worse enemy—the native—drove them from the inhospitable shore. Three men died on board the *Dove*, and one on board the *Sir Lancelot*; thirteen being brought on here in shattered health.

The *Dove* was so leaky and unmanageable that the wisest course was to abandon her altogether, which was done.

We have received from the Head Office of the M. B. M. S. Co. the following particulars with regard to the loss of their steamer *Genio Maru*:—  
The S. S. *Genio Maru* was lying at Nemoro (an open anchorage on the north-east corner of the island of Yezo), and at midnight of the 1st December experienced the severe gale which led to her loss. It appears she was endeavouring to ride out the gale, and was driven by the wind and sea against some sunken reefs, whereby she lost her rudder and received much damage to her stern and propeller. Thus disabled, and unable to proceed to sea, communication was made with the company's steamer *Shinagawa Maru* which was lying at Akishi, a port some forty miles distant as the crow flies, and sixty-five miles by sea. The *Shinagawa Maru* at once proceeded to Nemoro, where she arrived on the 7th instant. At 1 p.m. on the day following she started for Hakodate with the *Genio Maru* in tow, and all went well, apparently, until the next morning, by which time they had got as far as Akishi, when they encountered a very heavy gale and were unable to make headway. The gale increasing, both steamers were blown and drifted in a south-easterly direction. On the morning of the 10th, and while it was still blowing very hard, with a heavy sea running, the hawyers parted and the *Genio Maru* thereby left at the mercy of the waves. The pumps now broke down, and all on board, officers and crew alike, were reduced to the necessity of discharging the water by means of buckets and anything at hand which could be made to serve. The water, however, could not be got under, and on the 11th, at 8 a.m., signal was made to the *Shinagawa Maru* for help. As the sea continued boisterous, and it being manifest that the *Genio Maru* must inevitably sink, it was decided to abandon her. But were engaged from 12 to 4 p.m. removing those on board, but in consequence of the high sea running one or more capsize occurred by which about 16 souls were lost. Those drowned were: 1 cargo clerk; 1 Chinese boy; 1 sailor and 10 cargo coolies from the *Genio Maru*, while 1 sailor and 1 fireman belonging to the *Shinagawa Maru* were also lost while endeavouring to save some of the *Genio Maru* crew. The foreigners on board, Captain H. J. Carrow, chief officer Kilgour, chief engineer Jenkins and 2nd engineer McArthur were saved. It is not known whether the 2nd officer, who was

sent to Hakodate recently with orders to join the steamer, was on board. When the Captain left his vessel she was, we are given to understand, four-fifths full of water. The *Shinagawa Maru* arrived at Hakodate on the 16th instant, with all of the *Genio Maru's* crew who were saved.

#### A VISIT TO THE WORKSHOPS OF SAYLE AND CO. AT SHANGHAI.

There is perhaps nothing that shows the imitative talent of the Chinese to greater perfection than the gradual development of furniture manufacturing in our midst. The elegant lounges and graceful appliances of a Parisian boudoir are produced in equal beauty by Chinese workmen under practical superintendence, and from our observations in the firm of Sayle & Co. of Shanghai, it seems that in upholding the manual dexterity to execute the most elaborate designs if once initiated into the mysteries of their curves, and certainly the goods exhibited were finished with a taste and effect which on one time was deemed impossible by any but the best European workmen.

The success, perhaps, of this particular branch of industry is mainly attributable to the fact that there existed no long-rooted system of working which had for centuries impressed upon the Chinese mind; the thing is new to them, and they unhesitatingly follow out instructions where no deeply seated prejudice exists. Not so in the Cabinet department. Here, the single dovetail joint of the European workman is an innovation, and it is in vain to illustrate, as Cincinnati did, the advantage of centralized strength. Chinese carpenters will persist in asserting that in a multiplicity of tenons there is strength; they also invariably make a right angle mortise, and it is principally these two peculiarities which cause the rickety state into which Chinese frames get where the work is left to Chinese talent only, though the unfit state of the wood has no small share in contributing to this result. All these evils are avoidable. The wood can be carefully selected by a European and kept in a state that insures its proper seasoning (which the Chinese themselves never attempt), whilst experience proves that the Chinaman has the ability to make a proper joint if watched and educated by a practical man.

The patient application of the Chinese workman especially fits him for the light but tiresome operation of polishing, and, with his tints mixed for him, he is capable of producing a splendid finish. We were particularly struck with the beauty of some walnut wood tables in English style, and were surprised to learn that the finish was the out-come of Chinese labour. But it was not only in the ordinary piece of furniture that we had an opportunity of observing the development of this manufacturing art. Many fancy articles were also to be seen of quaint style, in which the medieval predominated, combining use with ornament. One to which our attention was called looked like an ordinary writing desk, but when opened it was found to contain a washstand, with a cistern for supply and escape pipe, a dressing table, and all the necessities of a bachelor toilet.

Screens, with "many a strange device," and a useful contrivance for a ladies' embroidery frame are also worth inspecting. All these tend to show that there are openings for the employment of Chinese labour, that only require attention and energetic management to make it capable of producing good workmanship, and further, that this may now be safely looked upon as one of the manufactures of Shanghai. It has been urged that there is no originality of design or inventive power among the Chinese. Granted! But if they show such adaptability in the production of goods of first-class appearance and workmanship, when the design or invention is placed in their hands, it augurs a successful future for the furniture manufacture of Shanghai, and we are pleased to see that the enterprise of a foreign firm offers facilities for its development.—N. C. D. News.

#### A CHIEF'S AMANG YETAKIN'S NOTES.

Writing to the *Shanghai Courier* from Hongkong a correspondent says:—

December 13th, 1878.  
A gentleman who has lived in this Colony a number of years shifted his abode recently, and partly owing to this change of residence and partly to a latent but unsuspected streak of generosity in his composition, which happened to come to the surface, he presented to me a Chinese boy with an old dress coat that was made for him long before he came to China. It was a wonderful piece of workmanship and reflected credit on the ingenuity of the tailor who got it up, but it had one defect. It was the only one of the kind ever manufactured, and consequently it was out of fashion, and so he gave it to me. As it was of little use to this boy, he in turn presented it to an intimate friend of mine—a chair coolie. This was a prize to the coolie, not to be rejected. He had never worn a coat like it, and his fancy was taken and his ambition gratified. He got inside of this garment, and drifted serenely down the street with the tails streaming behind him like banners from his outward walls. One of our guardians of the peace who had been quietly sleeping on an empty beer cask, happened to fall off just at the time the unfortunate coolie was passing. It dawned upon him at once that this was one of the most daring robberies that ever came under his observation. He had been in the force five long years and had never made a capture, but his services would now be recognized by the government, and he would be publicly enrolled and distinguished. He immediately arrested the coolie and took him to the police station. From there he was at once sent before the magistrates, and they sat for four days in solemn conclave on the case, and recognising its gravity and importance (as they always do in Hongkong, for we are a law-abiding people), they remanded him for trial at the Supreme Court. The Judge said it was, without exception, the most flagrant crime he had ever had to tackle. It was even worse than stealing a chicken, for he could not eat it; and he was determined to put down crime and spurious bravery and every thing that he could. His predecessor had given a man seven years for stealing the marrow bone out of a ham, and he felt he would be ready in his duty if he did not inflict the extreme penalty of the law. The former owner of the coat here interposed and explained the circumstances. He was looked upon with some suspicion at first, but he ultimately carried his point and the coolie was let off with a caution. Fact. I observe in a late issue of the *Celestial*

Empire a memorial with which the Chinese memorialists of Hongkong have lately memorialized his memorable Excellency K. C. D. B. I have taken the liberty to copy it verbatim et literatim.

"Only Governor Hennessy can attain to mercy and true benevolence."  
"He has descended from his chariot upon this spot." We regret that we are in a position to state that, so far, the memorialists are correct. We carry our regret still further and lament that this spot has not descended on him—or even a few million tons of it—just to hold him down, but not to injure him, and then any memorialist caught fooling around that spot with a shovel would be dealt with according to law. The memorialists continue:

"We have often heard of his benevolent administration."  
"He strives to make the most of his natural powers."

"And binds his mind to places of Government."  
Any of our citizens who have had the good fortune to attend the meetings of the Legislative Council, and have heard him "wire in" on political matters, can conscientiously endorse both these statements.

"He seeks for truth in natural ways."  
And we hold our breath sometimes lest he should step into it, but he usually manages to save himself just in time.

"Amongst great ministers of ancient days."

"Few are there like to him."  
Here again we concur in the sentiments of the celestial memorialists. The ancients were extravagantly fond of that kind of ministers. When the table was all set, and the minister was brought on, smothered in ointments, and the Legislative Council pronounced the grave proper, the Colonial Secretary would trot the horn, and the minister for miles around would throw aside all other duties and let the busy beskip unmolested and come cheerfully in to the barbecue.

The memorialists are warning up to their work now. They ask:

"Who does not delight in him?"  
Why, of course, everybody does; but that is no reason why we should go and suffocate him with our embraces and get up a memorial and tell him how much we love him, and point fulsomely at everything he has done for us. The Tung Wah hospital might refuse to take in our card; and then where would we be.

Enter memorialists.  
"Chinese and Foreigners called a meeting."  
"Chinese were slighted and insulted."  
"Their wish is that he may complete his full term of office."

"Before returning crowned with honor."  
"They will pray that he again hold office."  
"They have placed their stamps on this petition."

This last is the most "childlike" and ingenious expression, and certainly carries the most weight of any in the whole document. When a Chinaman puts a stamp on anything and has to pay for it, he means business. If he don't stamp, he means it comes to a question of stamps, he displays a stern determination which would stop at nothing, even to the sacrifice of his own wife's mother—in a just cause.

Thus endeth the memorial, and it brings to light a remarkable state of affairs in this Colony. What is the use of our having a Governor at all? We brought him out to curse these Chinamen, and behold, he has blessed them altogether. I would like to write further of our grievances, for the wrongs of the Colonists are very near my heart, but if I spare you now it is only that I may inflict this torture upon you at some future time.

It is rumoured that the Governor came down to the club the other day, and after inspecting the bar and other objects of interest, he played a game of billiards with one of the young members—a most courteous and inoffensive young gentleman, and one who never yet by word or deed has done wrong to anyone. This disastrous stroke of condescending policy could not be without its evil effect. The young man was demoralized. He is almost out of danger now, however, and strong hopes are entertained that the skill of that "Eminent Physician" (no charge made for this advertisement) and his own strong constitution, will pull him through.

The most enjoyable affair of the season, so far, was St. Andrew's Ball. The courtesy and hospitality of our Scottish friends, the ravishing music, the quality and quantity of the provender and the excellence of the punch, should not be spoken of lightly, but should be treasured in our grateful memories for ever. Who shall speak of the grace and beauty, the tasteful elegance and modest loveliness of the fair population of Hongkong, there represented? It could not be surpassed anywhere in the world. At least this side of Kowloon. There was only one thing needed to complete the felicity of that delightful evening. The old party in whose honor the entertainment was especially gotten up—old Saint Andrew himself—was unavoidably absent. He telegraphed to say that his sympathies were with us, but unfortunately he had been obliged to attend a funeral some time before and couldn't very well get back. This disappointment cast a certain amount of gloom over the festivities, for, although we looked silently at each other, we knew full well that, notwithstanding the delicate wording of the message, and his courteous and transparent effort to spare our feelings, it was his own funeral that he had attended, and that good Saint Andrew was no more.

#### A CHINAMAN ON CHINA.

The Californian newspapers are publishing a series of letters by a gentleman bearing the name of Kwang Ching Ling, in which there is much told about China that has not been hitherto generally known. The writer says, for instance, that the population is only 100,000,000 or 120,000,000, instead of 450,000,000, as generally reported; that the country has reached the limit of agricultural development; that its prosperity and population have been decreasing since 1761; that unless improved machinery and methods are adopted from the Western countries the people will not be able to support themselves, since they are already as poor as it is possible to be, and can only with great difficulty maintain existence; that the wealth of the Empire is in the hands of the few, and that with a diminishing population and increasing wages at home there cannot be any great tide of emigration to the United States; so that Americans have no cause for anxiety on this point. Kwang Ching Ling does not explain why, if the population is diminishing and wages are increasing, the people find it harder than ever to earn a livelihood, but if he is to be believed, the prospect of the Chinese is anything but a comfortable one.

#### AN ELABORATE ORATOR.

The fine speeches of Lord Dufferin, which read as if they were delivered extemporaneously, are really prepared and committed to memory with the greatest care. He works out a speech generally in the morning, and dictates it to his shorthand writer, who then transcribes his notes upon large sheets of foolscap, writing upon every second line and leaving a margin of half the page. The extended manuscript is then returned to Lord Dufferin, who improves his composition, until sometimes scarcely a word of the original composition remains. The amended copy is then returned to the secretary, who makes a fresh transcription. This in turn undergoes revision, and a third, and often a fourth and fifth transcription will be ordered until Lord Dufferin is satisfied. Then he reads and repeats his periods over slowly, walking up and down and reciting paragraph by paragraph. A reply in Greek which he made to the Professors of McGill University, when he was given a degree, took him more than a week in its composition. It excited wonder and admiration in Canadian and English learned circles as a piece of off-hand scholarship.

#### ENGLAND'S DANGER.

We have one favour to beg of the Ameer of Cabul. It is not often that we crave any boon from this haughty dignitary, and if this one is granted, some time will elapse before another is asked. The object sought for from the hands of the Ameer is the existence of England. Oh, Ameer, spare the British islands! Pause one brief moment before you wipe them out of the map of Europe. Lord an ear, or two ears if you can spare them, to the entreaties of America. The English speak the same language that we do, with the trivial exception of omitting the "h's," which ought not to count against them in such an important affair as this. Britain is endeared to us by historical association, and these tender recollections are rendered doubly dear to those of us who go abroad, by the charges of her innkeepers. Oh, Ameer, spare that land. Please don't kick up a fuss. Postpone things awhile, and charge the cost to us. England, remember, buys large quantities of wheat and beef and things from America, and so what's the use of knocking over our market in this unceremonious manner. Of course the British army tried to make that pass, but what of it? If England is foolish enough to pass, make it next, or whatever you have the cards for, but don't throw down your hand and shut club in this blood thirsty fashion. Therefore many reasons why England should be spared. A great number of Americans are over there just now, and for that reason, at least, the calamity should be postponed until they get home. Besides, we like to take a whack at England ourselves once in a while, but don't care to see any one else punish our staid old friend. So, Ameer, if it doesn't seriously disarrange your plans, kindly grant life and liberty to that benighted land. But if the contract is let and all arrangements made, then strike quick before the fishy claims have to be paid.—*Detroit Free Press*.

#### LORD JOHN RUSSELL AS A POET.

Lord John Russell, forty-six years ago, as *Lynd Russell*. Like many other poets who stay in London in September have gone, he chose the city as seen in that month for his theme. The lines appeared in a publication called *Keepsake*, and though not always original were in part as follows:

Remote, unfriended, melancholy, slow,  
A single horseman faces Rotten Row;  
In Brooks's sits one guidance to pursue  
The broad dull sheet which tells the lack of news;  
At White's a lonely Brummell lifts his glass  
To see two empty lackey-coaches pass;  
The timid housemaid, issuing forth, can dare  
To take her lover's arm in Grosvenor-square;  
The wealthy tailor on the Sussex shore  
Displays and drives his blue barouche and four;  
The peer, who made him rich, with dog and gun,  
Tells of a Scottish moor and braves a scorching sun.

#### EARLST WAY THE BEST WAY.—A philosopher at Sacramento the other day interpreted a note making an appointment with his wife that afternoon. Did he set to work making cartridges, polishing up his breech loader, and raising a "demolition" row generally? Not in the least. He simply put his false wife's false teeth in his coat-pocket, kissed the children, lit his cigar, and tranquilly sauntered down town.—*Virginia City Chronicle*.

#### Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

#### VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.		
When left.	Name.	From.
28, Mar.	Oracle.	Liverpool.
29, Mar.	Bratollian.	Antwerp.
June	Underwriter.	Fortress Monroa.
July	18, Annie Bow.	Newcastle (N.S.W.).
18, Lorimer.	Newcastle (N.S.W.).	
18, Sydenham.	London.	
21, Saint.	Antwerp.	
27, Pilgrim.	Cardiff.	
28, Abbey Cooper.	Antwerp.	
30, Sumarilde.	Hamburg.	
31, Charmer.	Cardiff.	
Aug.	1, Bury St. Edmunds.	Penarth.
7, Alfredo.	Cardiff.	
9, Urania.	Penarth.	
10, Corea.	London.	
11, Lota.	Cardiff.	
15, Friedrich.	Cardiff.	
Sept.	16, Rastolter.	Hamburg.
17, James Shephard.	London.	
17, Clifaura.	Liverpool via C'dig.	
20, Colombia.	San Francisco.	
Oct.	10, Jacobine.	Liverpool.
19, Hermann.	Bremen.	
Nov.	3, Jan Peter.	Maaslin.
12, Hector (s.).	Liverpool.	

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.  
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal, Glenorchy. Radnorshire.  
At Liverpool.  
Nestor (s.). Tower (s.).



## Intimations.

**G. FALCONER & Co.,**  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, December 20, 1878. ja20

**MOORE & Co.,**  
"VARIETY STORE,"  
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.  
No. 42, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

**WONG CHIU,**  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG.  
(Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

**CHINESE VIEWS**  
FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICE.  
December 11, 1878. ja11

**AFONG,**  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment,  
to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. AD-  
MIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER, AND TO H. I. H.  
THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

**UNDER** the Management of D. K.  
GRIFFITH, recently of the Wood-  
bury Co. Enlargements are now being made in  
PERMANENT PIGMENT, Guaranteed to be  
indestructible by time or climate and at  
Prices very little more than were charged  
for the old perishable Silver Prints.  
Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting  
instrument for the production of Children's  
Portraits.

**ALL STYLES OF PHOTOGRAPHY!**  
Taken Daily at Moderate Charges.  
STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel,  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

**HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.**

**THE** Transfer BOOKS of this Company  
will be CLOSED from the 27th Inst.  
to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.  
A. NEWTON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja3

## DENTAL NOTICE.

**DR. ROGERS** has Returned and is  
Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS  
at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

**HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY.**

**THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION** of the  
SOCIETY will take place about the  
middle of FEBRUARY next.  
The Days of Exhibition will be advertised  
at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE**  
OF

JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,  
Deceased.

**IT** is hereby notified that Probate of the  
last Will and Testament of JOAO  
JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased,  
was granted to the Undersigned on the  
26th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,  
D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,  
M. C. DOS REMEDIOS,  
A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja14

**Volume Seventh of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."**

**Now Ready.**

No. 2.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

**"CHINA REVIEW"**  
CONTAINS—

Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming,  
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung,  
The Idiot Kw'oh Shing Wang.  
Geographical Notes on the Province of  
Kiangsi.

Stray Notes on Chinese Reader's Manual.  
Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of  
History.  
Translations of Chinese School-books.  
The Ballads of the Shik'ing.  
The Fok'ingse Ju-shing.  
Notes on Chinese Grammar.  
Jottings from the Book of Rites.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—  
Devices for Keeping Time.  
Modes of Consulting the Oracles.  
Chinese Bank Notes.  
The Mammoth.  
The Emperor Styled "Brother of the  
Sun and Moon."  
The K'ailin.  
A Remarkably Tame Bird.  
Legends on Soapstone and Chinaware.  
The Portuguese Sovereignty over  
Macao.  
Breeding Pearls.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

## Intimations.

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

**THE** undermentioned BANKS will  
be Closed on WEDNESDAY, the  
1st January, 1879.  
For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"  
D. A. J. OROMBIE, Acting Manager.  
For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of  
India, London and China,"  
H. H. NELSON, Manager.  
For the "Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China,"  
WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.  
For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"  
E. SCHWEBLIN, Acting Agent.  
For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation,"  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"  
R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1878. ja1

## NOTICE.

**G. FALCONER & Co.** beg to an-  
nounce that, during DECEMBER and  
JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large  
and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY,  
WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and  
ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably  
under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an  
Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS,  
suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.  
Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fel

## LOST.

**A** SMALL WHITE DOG, answers to the  
name "GYPSY." A Liberal Reward  
will be given by returning it to No. 12,  
Hollywood Road.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878. de29

## —SUBMARINE DIVING.

**CAPTAIN W. CLARK** has all the Ne-  
cessary Appliances for SALVING  
OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake  
Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of  
20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja9

**THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,  
LIMITED.**

## NOTICE.

**THE** Transfer BOOKS of this Company  
will be CLOSED from the 20th to the  
31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent, pro tem.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

**FROM** the 1st of OCTOBER,  
DR. EASTLAKE will receive his  
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,  
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the  
MEDICAL HALL.  
Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

## NOTICE.

**FOUNDRY AND DOCK,  
FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.**

**TENDERS** will be Received until the  
1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute  
PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three  
Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY  
known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated  
at Hongkew, Shanghai, in the Empire of  
China, comprising several Rows of GO-  
DOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the  
Staff, and several Rows of WORK-  
SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete,  
and covering an Area of about 24 acres.  
The Foundry commands a fine River  
Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is  
the most complete for the Building and  
Repairing of Ships in China.  
Applicants are requested to state the  
Terms upon which they will take the above  
Property.

**SIMILAR TENDERS** will be Received  
until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the  
COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Pootung,  
Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which  
Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock  
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about  
1,200 feet, and covering an Area of about  
4 English acres, with Two DWELLING  
HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and  
CARPENTER'S SHED attached.  
In case of a Sale, one half of the Pur-  
chase Money can remain on mortgage of  
the Property assigned, and in the case of a  
Lease, substantial security must be given  
for the due fulfilment of the same by the  
Lessee. The Company does not bind  
itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to  
CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
Hankow Road,  
SHANGHAI.  
December 5, 1878. ja2

## NOTICE.

**THE CHINESE MAIL.**

**FROM** and after the Chinese New Year's  
day (February 17, 1879) the Chinese  
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of  
weekly, as heretofore. No change, how-  
ever, will be made in the price of subscrip-  
tion, which will remain at \$4 per annum.  
The charges for advertisements are now  
assimilated to those of the China Mail.  
The unusual success which has attended  
the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable  
medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual  
circulation of one thousand copies. It is  
already the most influential native journal  
published, and enjoys considerable prestige  
at the Ports of China and Japan, and at  
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Fran-  
cisco and Australia.  
China Mail Office.

## Intimations.

**OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSUR-  
ANCE CO., LIMITED.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that in con-  
sequence of Messrs OLYPHANT  
& Co. having SUSPENDED PAYMENT, the  
Board of Directors of the above Company,  
at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the  
Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Instant,  
Appointed Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as  
General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Busi-  
ness of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of  
Directors with Reference to the Appoint-  
ment of Mr J. BRADLEE SMITH as  
General Agent of the Company, an Extra-  
ordinary MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Head Office  
of the Company, on MONDAY, the 13th  
January, 1879, at 3 o'clock in the After-  
noon, when an audited Statement of the  
Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,  
WM. REINERS,  
Chairman.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

**HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS  
STORAGE.**

**GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE** at  
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS  
GODOWNS, under European supervision,  
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the  
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick  
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

**F. HUTCHINGS**  
begs to announce to the Community  
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply  
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,  
from 1st October, and trusts that they may  
grant him their support.  
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite  
the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

**CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!**

**DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.**

**WHEREAS** it having become known to the  
Proprietors of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE  
that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar  
name, is exported to India, China, &c., and  
endeavored to be foisted on purchasers as equal  
in efficacy to Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne, they  
it due to the public to specially caution them  
against this compound and request their most  
careful attention to the following distinctive  
characteristics of Dr. Bright's (the only genuine)  
Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne is sold  
only in cases.  
2nd.—The words "Dr. Bright's Phospho-  
dyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.  
3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and  
Signature of Patentee are printed on  
the label of every case.  
4th.—Directions for use in all the following  
languages are enclosed in each case—  
English, French, German, Italian, Dutch,  
Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish,  
Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madrasse,  
Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

Without which none can POSSIBLY  
be Genuine.

**DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE**

Is the Only Reliable Remedy for  
NERVOUS and LIVER COMPLAINTS  
AND  
FUNCTIONAL DERANGEMENTS.

**DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE**  
is sold by all Chemists and Patent Medicine  
Vendors throughout the Globe.  
In India, China, &c., DR. BRIGHT'S PHOS-  
PHODYNE is generally sold at an advance.

The high Estimation in which Phosphorus  
is held is unquestionably due to its administra-  
tion, in this form. Therefore

**ASK FOR**

**DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE**

And do not be persuaded to take any  
Useless and Possibly Dangerous  
Imitation.

**CAUTION TO MEDICINE VENDORS.**

The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR.  
BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered  
at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also  
registered in the Chief Cities of the World.  
Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned  
that legal proceedings will be immediately in-  
stituted by the Authorized Agents, against any  
person or persons selling Fraudulent Imitations  
of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOS-  
PHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

**SAILOR'S HOME.**

**ANY** Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAPERS will be thankfully received  
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

**For Sale.**

**NOTICE.**  
**TO CAPTAINS REQUIRING SEA  
STOCK.**  
BEEF! BEEF!  
Ship "Commissary."  
24 Tons PRIME INDIA MESS  
BEEF, For Sale by private bar-  
gain on the above Ship. Prices Moderate.  
Hongkong, December 24, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**COKE AND TAR**  
In QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS.  
Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.  
A. NEWTON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

**WASHING BOOKS.**

**WASHERMAN'S BOOKS**, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Notices to Consignees.

**OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.  
COMPANY.**

## NOTICE.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by Steamship  
"GAELIC" are hereby notified that  
their Goods are being landed and stored at  
their risk in the Company's Godowns, at  
West Point, whence and/or from Wharves  
or Boats delivery may be obtained, on  
counter-signature of Bills of Lading.  
Goods remaining unclaimed after the  
31st Instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1878. de30

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**S. S. IRAOUADDY.**

**NOTICE.**

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo per S. S.  
Copernic, from London, in connec-  
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before TO-DAY, the 27th Inst.,  
at 2 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY,  
the 2nd January, 1879, at Noon, will  
be subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**CONSIGNEES** of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
L. HENNEQUIN,  
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."  
T. H. Tan Sive, 4 pkgs. Metal, from  
Batavia.

Ex "Pei Ho."  
N. M. K. (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge  
V. S. O. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases  
Millinery.

Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

**I** have This Day RESUMED my BUSI-  
NESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at  
this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,  
Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fel

**NOTICE.**  
**THE** Undersigned being about to Close  
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies  
that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or  
by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business  
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS  
LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that Messrs  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have  
This Day Established a BRANCH of their  
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized  
Mr G. D. FITZMA to Sign per Procuration.  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**I** HAVE This Day established myself as  
GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.  
CARL DENEKE.  
Office, Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**THE** Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),  
CREATED from the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

**NOTICE.**

**IN** Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr. LEONG TOOK CHU,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG OHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

**HONG LISTS.**

Circular, large sheet.

**THE AMENDED HONG LIST**  
in English and Chinese, con-  
taining the Names of all the most  
important Companies, Institutions  
and Mercantile Houses in the  
Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50  
per dozen.  
At the "China Mail" Office.

## Malls.

**OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL Steam-  
Ship Company.**

**TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE.**

**IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL**

**AND**

**UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES**

**AND**

**ATLANTIC STEAMERS.**

**THE** S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, 1879, at  
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Consignment is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 1st January. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
For further information as to Freight  
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878. ja2



**STEAM FOR**

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,

BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-

AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
714, BOMBAY,

ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

**THE** PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"TEHRAN," Captain A. H. JOHNSON,  
will leave this on SATURDAY, the 4th  
January, 1879, at Noon.

Tons and General Cargo for London will  
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later than by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at  
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1878. ja4

## To Let.

**WANTED.**  
POSSESSION 15th JANUARY NEXT,  
In a Central Locality.

**A** HOUSE of 4-6 ROOMS.

Apply to  
A. B. C.,  
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1878.

## TO LET.

**IN** the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, THE FIRST and SECOND  
FLOORS, with immediate pos-  
session.

No. 3, THE FIRST FLOOR and BASE-  
MENT, either separately or to-  
gether, with immediate possession.

As also,  
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-  
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING  
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at  
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-  
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-  
venience. Fine spacious Verandah looking  
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

**TO LET.**

**FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,**  
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,  
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,  
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close  
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on  
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO LET.

**THREE OFFICES**, in Club Chambers.

Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

**TWO** Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Pr